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Customer No. : 26541  
Title : RATING BILLING EVENTS IN REAL TIME  
ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT USAGE INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.